

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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Title: **PORTABLE SAMPLING LANCE**

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having an International Filing Date of December 15, 2001.)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing
fee for the above-captioned patent application, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-9 as per attached with this preliminary
amendment.